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SUBJ: FOOD SUPPLIES IN YAROSLAVL'

1. SUMMARY. DURING JAN 27-28 VISIT, EMBOFF FOUND ALMOST NO MEAT (AND THAT AT EXORBITANT PRICES) IN YAROSLAVL', BUT ADEQUATE AND EVEN ABUNDANT QUANTITIES OF FISH AND BREAD. VEGETABLES AND FRUITS WERE SPOTTIER, WITH VARIETY SMALL, BUT POTATOES, CARROTS, CABBAGES AND APPLES COULD BE HAD, AT HIGH PRICES, FROM KOLKHOZNIKI, AND EGGS APPEARED TO BE AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT CITY AT .13 PER EGG. END SUMMARY.

2. KIROVSKIY MEAT AND FISH STORE NO. 28 AT UL. KREST'YANSKAYA 8 HAD ONLY ONE KIND OF MEAT 11.30 A.M. JANUARY 28: PILES OF HOGS' HEADS AT 70 K. PER KILO, WITH NO TAKERS. THERE WERE SMALL QUANTITIES OF BLOOD SAUSAGE (40 K.), LIVER SAUSAGE (64 K.) AND SCRAPPLE (1.10 R.), AND ABUNDANT CANNED AND DRIED FISH AT PRICES RANGING FROM 50 K. FOR SPRATS TO 2.50 R. FOR HERRING. SHOPPERS AT RAISIN STAND ON CORNER OF KREST'YANSKAYA AND KIROVA REPLIED SARDONICALLY TO QUESTIONS ABOUT MEAT--"MEAT IS BAD." "YOU WON'T FIND MEAT IN YAROSLAVL'"--BUT SALESLADY DIRECTED EMBOFF TO VERY BACK OF KOLKHOZ MARKET, IN TRIANGLE BETWEEN

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KREST'YANSKAYA, KIROVA AND BOL'SHAYA OKTYABRSKAYA.

THERE KOLKHOZ MEAT STORE (MYASO KOLKHOZNOY TORGOVLI NO. 2) WAS CLOSED (AND FISH STORE FULL OF CUSTOMERS), BUT "SEL'KHOZPRODUKTY" STORE NEXT DOOR HAD MEDIUM QUANTITY OF SECOND-GRADE BEEF (MUCH FAT AND BONES) AT 4.60 R. AND TWO GRADES OF KOLBASA AT 4.90 AND 3.60 R. IN SMALL QUANTITY. STATE GROCERY SHOP ON MARKET GROUNDS ALSO CARRIED TWO KINDS OF BALONEY IN SMALL QUANTITY BOTH AT 3.60 R. "CULINARY" SHOP AT CORNER OF KREST'YANSKAYA AND DEPUTATSKAYA CARRIED FOUR VARIETIES OF MEAT MIXTURE, INCLUDING MEAT/RICE AND FISH CUTLETS, AT 1.40 R. ACROSS THE SMALL RIVER KOTOROSL' RUNNING THROUGH YAROSLAVL', PASSERBY ON UL. YEMILIANA YAROSLAVSKOGO TOLD EMBOFF SAME AFTERNOON THERE WERE NO MEAT STORES IN VICINITY.

3. VEGETABLES WERE MORE PLENTIFUL, BUT WITH LITTLE VARIETY. STATE STORE IN KOLKHOZ MARKET SOLD SMALL QUANTITIES OF TERRIBLE QUALITY OF POTATOES (10 K PER KILO), CABBAGE (15 K.), CARROTS (18 K.) AND SUGAR BEETS (14 K.); FRUIT AND VEGETABLE STORE NO. 20 ON CORNER OF MOSKOVSKIY PROSPEKT AND UL. YEMILIANO YAROSLAVSKOGO HAD LARGER QUANTITIES (SAME TERRIBLE QUALITY) OF POTATOES AT 14 AND 18 K., CABBAGE AT 14, 15 AND 18 KN AND CARROTS AT 18 K. KILKHOZNIKI, ON THE OTHER HAND, WERE SELLING AMPLE SUPPLIES OF FOLLOWING: POTATOES (25 K.), CARROTS (70 K.), ONIONS (2R.), APPLES (1.50-3.00 R., WITH GOOD QUALITY YELLOW IN 2.00-2.50 R. RANGE); AND POMEGRANATES (BY CAUCASIANS, AT 4 R.). THERE WAS ONE TRAY OF TANGERINES. PICKLES, GARLIC, RAISINS, WALNUTS AND HAZELNUTS (BUT NOT MUCH ELSE WERE ALSO AVAILABLE.

4. WHITE, MEDIUM-SIZE EGGS WERE AVAILABLE IN GOOD QUANTITY IN THREE LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE CITY AT UNIFORM PRICE OF 13 K. PER EGG.

5. BREAD WAS AVAILABLE IN ADEQUATE QUANTITY AND ALL USUAL VARIETIES (WHITE, BROWN, BLACK) AT BREAD STORES NO. 28, UL. KOMSOMOL'SKAYA 10 (1:45 P.M. JAN 27), NO. 34, UL. KREST'YANSKAYA 25 (11:45 A.M. JAN 28) LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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